

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 6 have been amended to define more clearly the claimed invention. It is believed and intended that no new matter has been added by this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. Preliminary matters

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of receipt of the priority papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on March 15, 2004 and of the Information Disclosure Statements of April 28, 2004 and September 15, 2005. In addition, the Applicant is grateful for the Examiner's approval of the drawings filed March 15, 2004.

II. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Such amendments are not made in response to the references cited in the Office Action and do not narrow the scope of the claims.

The Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the telephone exchange of September 21, 2006 and for indicating that she would look favorably upon the above language in amended claims. The Examiner's prompt and complete reply to the Applicant was most helpful.

III. Allowable subject matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-6 contain allowable subject matter. It is believe that the above amendments bring Claims 1-6 into allowable condition.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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